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To: California Poultry Producers

Due to continued and expanding detections of highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild water fowl and domestic poultry in the United States, please continue to make every effort to ensure heightened biosecurity practices are in place on your poultry farms and carefully observe your flocks daily for increased mortality.

If you have the ability to separate your flock(s) from wild birds by keeping them indoors, please do so until further notice. If you are an organic producer and are challenged by your certifier, please ask them to contact my office. To report increased mortality in a commercial flock, work with your veterinarian and immediately call your local Animal Health Branch district office.

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For more information on signs of disease and biosecurity recommendations please see: http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/BioSpecies/BioPoultry.html

Thank you for your cooperation,

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State Veterinarian and Director

